

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 27, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Dec. 28	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty & Lawrence C. Hardisty, Jr.
“	Tues.	Dec. 29	8:00 am	Bertha D. Conway
“	Wed.	Dec. 30	8:00 am	Theresa Thompson
“	Thurs.	Dec. 31	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Jerry Henry
“	Fri.	Jan. 1	8:00 am	NO MASS
Pine Plains	“	“	12 noon	Anthony Shanahan Powell
Amenia	Sat.	Jan. 2	8:00 am	NO MASS
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Donald MacArthur
Pine Plains	“	“	6:15 pm	Josefina Lopez
Pine Plains	Sun	Jan. 3	8:00 am	Roger Gregoire
Amenia	“	“	10:45 am	People of the Parish

***May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation
but through your loving mercy,
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy***

Dear Friends:

This is an example of a prayer that you never hear at Mass because the priest is asked to say it “quietly.” And that is somewhat regretful, because it, to me, is a beautiful prayer.

The prayer begins with an affirmation of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is prayed directly to Jesus and says “Body and Blood.” This is beneficial because in the ongoing routine of daily Mass, we are human and we forget the amazing truth of the sacrament. Also notice the title given of Jesus, “Lord Jesus Christ.” That is a term of reverent respect.

The next part is difficult for me because it is about “judgment and condemnation.” Those are tough words. I find myself looking at them and thinking truthfully about my life. It is kind of a “wake up call”, back to reality.

The next part is so important after we hear of “condemnation.” It mentions the loving mercy of Jesus. Without this mercy, we could not make it. Every Mass we should thank God explicitly for the mercy that we need.

The last part is also critical. We pray that the Eucharist protect us in mind and body. How vital is that with today’s virus. The Eucharist, and the power of all the sacraments, keep our mind and body in harmony with God.

The last words ask that the sacrament “be a healing remedy.” We so need healing today. In my 30 some years of priesthood, I have come to believe more and more that the Eucharist is a healing sacrament. Let’s all pray together at every Eucharist that healing will happen in our own lives and in the world.

Fr. Wilson

CONFESSION - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing by which we receive God’s merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and experience the powerful love of God.

***“Confession is the sacrament
of the tenderness of God,
His way of embracing us”
(Pope Francis)***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Ricky McGhee, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjan, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPecki, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs, Brett Porter, Alice Phillips, Carl Stahovec, Carol Jayne, Vincent Pinelli, Pat McElduff and Kim Noone

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Donald McGinness, Susan Macura and Barbara McGhee.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER - God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. (*Loyola Press*)

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**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020**  
4:30 pm - Amenia

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021**  
12 noon - Pine Plains

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SPECIAL THANKS - I would also like to take this opportunity to say thanks to:

Bernadette Syversen-- for playing and singing so beautifully at the Masses.

A special thanks to all those who volunteered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers at the Christmas Masses. Your ministry service is greatly appreciated.

The volunteers at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's who made our Churches look so beautiful for Christmas. You really did a wonderful job!

To all our parishioners who attended Mass this Christmas. I was overwhelmed by the faithful people who came together to worship and celebrate Christmas especially during these challenging times. I was so proud and thankful that you wore your masks and adhered to social distancing in order that we were able to safely come together as a family of faith and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY - We are proud to announce that Father Godfrey received \$11,774.20 for Christ the King Seminary in our collection last month. On behalf of Fr. Godfrey, I want to thank all of you for your generosity in supporting the seminary.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: . Timothy Walsh, Joshua O'Hara, Connor Washburn, Sam Kent, Jordan Paraszti, Gavin Carroll, Richard C. Belliveau, Jimmy Darnell, Mike Mazza, Nathan Tong, Mark Hall, Tyler Jasmin, Garrrett Cummings and Austin Cummings. Please keep our servicemen and their families in your prayers.

CROP WALK - The congregations of the Pine Plains Council of Churches raised \$1,721 to fight hunger globally. Locally, the Pine Plains Community Food Locker will receive \$430.00 to aid the people in the Pine Plains area. Thank you for your support of this project.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last weekend, December 19-20, 2020, we collected \$3,632.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I am so very thankful to all of you for your steadfast commitment to our Church. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health and happiness.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week
at Immaculate Conception Church
was donated by Candy Swart
In Loving Memory of Timmy G. Shaffer, Jr.*